

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A removable osteosynthesis clip for the cicatrization of bone tissue fragments, the clip comprising:

at least two straight engagement legs extending parallel to one another in a first direction and including respective distal bridging tips and respective proximal insertion tips adapted to be inserted into the bone tissue fragments; and

a connecting bridge coupled to the distal bridging tips of the two engagement legs, the connecting bridge including at least two elongated sections extending along side one another generally in a second direction substantially perpendicular to the first direction, the elongated sections having a non-linear outline having a curved shape forming a non-linear deformable region when viewed in a third direction perpendicular to said first and second directions,

wherein the elongated sections of the clip ~~are structured to~~ receive a force in the first direction in an area of the non-linear deformable region to substantially straighten the non-linear deformable region and cause ~~that causes~~ the proximal insertion tips to pivot,

the engagement legs being straight over their entire lengths to the point where they connect to the connecting bridge so that the connecting bridge is adapted to lie substantially flat on the bone tissue when the clip is installed.

2. (original) The osteosynthesis clip of claim 1, wherein the non-linear deformable region includes one of a depression and a dome.

3. (previously presented) The osteosynthesis clip of claim 1, wherein the two elongated sections include respective bulges that together form a space of separation between the elongated sections and the force is selected from at least one to separate and to unite the two elongated sections.

4. (original) The osteosynthesis clip of claim 1, wherein the engagement legs are provided with gripping surfaces for frictionally engaging the bone tissue fragments.

5. (original) The osteosynthesis clip of claim 1, wherein the engagement legs and the connecting bridge are constructed from a biocompatible material.

6-20. (canceled)

21. (currently amended) A removable osteosynthesis clip for the cicatrization of bone tissue fragments, the clip comprising:

at least two straight engagement legs extending parallel to one another in a first direction and including respective distal bridging tips and respective proximal insertion tips adapted to be inserted into the bone tissue fragments; and

a connecting bridge coupled to the distal bridging tips of the two engagement legs, the connecting bridge including at least one elongated section extending generally in a second direction substantially perpendicular to the first direction and having a non-linear outline having a curved shape forming a non-linear deformable region when viewed in a third direction perpendicular to said first and second directions,

wherein the elongated sections of the clip ~~are structured to receive a force in the first direction in an area of the non-linear deformable region~~ to substantially straighten the non-linear deformable region and cause that causes the proximal insertion tips to pivot,

the engagement legs being straight over their entire lengths to the point where they connect to the connecting bridge so that the connecting bridge is adapted to lie substantially flat on the bone tissue when the clip is installed.

22. (previously presented) The osteosynthesis clip of claim 21, wherein the non-linear deformable region includes one of a depression and a dome and the force is selected from at least one to separate and to unite the two elongated sections.

Claims 23-31 (canceled).